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REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in the present application. No amendment has been proposed. It is respectfully submitted that this Response is fully responsive to the Office Action dated April 13, 2006.

As to the Merits:

As to the merits of this case, the Examiner relies upon the newly cited reference of Tessier et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,146,336) in setting forth the following rejections:

- 1) Claims 1, 5, 6 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Alexander et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,177,931, of record) in view of Tessier et al.;
- 2) Claims 2 and 7 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Alexander et al. and Tessier et al. in view of Breslau et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,637,027, of record);
- 3) Claims 3 and 8 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Alexander et al. and Tessier et al. in view of Dunn et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,721,829, of record);
and

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4) Claims 4 and 9 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Alexander et al. and Tessier et al. in view of Kohno et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,462,784, of record).

Each of these rejections is respectfully traversed.

With regard to Applicants' previous argument that Alexander fails to disclose or fairly suggest the features of claim 1 concerning *wherein the message corresponding to the acquired information is displayed also in a case where the video does not come on the area where the received video is reduced and displayed*, the Examiner concurs, see page 3, lines 17-19 of the Action.

However, the Examiner now relies on the newly cited reference of Tessier for teaching the above-noted drawbacks and deficiencies of Alexander et al. More specifically, the Examiner asserts that Tessier discloses switching an external video signal with a locally generated composite signal and displaying a message indicating that the subscriber is in arrears of payment and will not be provided with service (col. 6, 1. 8-41).

However, it is respectfully submitted that while Tessier may disclose switching to a locally generated replacement insert video signal, which includes a message indicating that the subscriber is in arrears of payment and will not be provided with service, when an sync signal for

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an external video input is poor, corrupted or not detected, Tessier fails to disclose or fairly suggest that the locally generated replacement insert video signal is displayed in an area where the received video is reduced and displayed, as called for in claim 1.

In other words, Tessier teaches using an internal video overlay signal to replace an entire external video signal.

As such, it is respectfully submitted that it is impossible to modify the teachings of Alexander et al. to include the local replacement insert video signal, as taught by Tessier, in the translucent overlay of the PIP window 12 together with the electronic program guide (EPG) of Alexander et al., since, as noted above, the internal video overlay can only be used in lieu of an external video signal. That is, it would be impossible to display the message corresponding to the local replacement insert video signal of Tessier in the PIP window 12 of Alexander et al. together with the electronic program guide (EPG) made based on a received signal (PSI/SI) in the digital broadcasting receiver.

In view of the aforementioned remarks, Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

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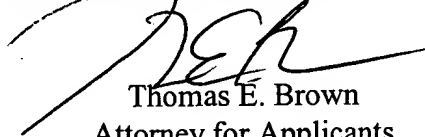
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If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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